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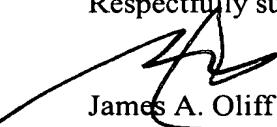
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	2.	US 6,514,091 B2	2/4/2003	SAITO et al.				
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